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2. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories . . [84]

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Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 45th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

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Human rights questions . . . . . [117]

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(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/58/219, A/58/448, A/58/127, A/58/427, A/58/379, A/58/334, A/58/218, A/58/338, A/58/534, A/58/325, A/58/393, A/58/421 and A/C.3/58/6)

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/58/36)

Continuation of general discussion

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: Part VI: Human rights and humanitarian affairs (A/58/6 (Sect. 25), A/58/6 (Sect. 26), A/58/6 (Sect. 27)); Part VII: Public Information (A/58/6 (Sect. 28)); Part VIII: Common support services (A/58/6 (Sect. 29), A/58/6 (Sect. 29A), A/58/6 (Sect. 29B), A/58/6 (Sect. 29C), A/58/6 (Sect. 29D), A/58/6 (Sect. 29E), A/58/6 (Sect. 29F), A/58/6 (Sect. 29G)); Part IX: Internal oversight (A/58/6 (Sect. 30)), Part X: Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses (A/58/6 (Sect.31), A/58/6 (Sect. 32)); Part XI: Capital expenditures (A/58/6 (Sect. 33)); Part XII: Staff assessment (A/58/6 (Sect. 34)); and Part XIII: Development Account (A/58/6 (Sect. 35), A/58/6/Corr.1, A/58/7, A/58/7/Corr.1 and A/58/16))

2.30–4.45 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 59 (Strengthening of the United Nations system: improvements to the current process of planning and budgeting (A/58/395, A/58/395/Corr.1 and A/58/7/Add.5); Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of the United Nations budgetary process (A/58/375, A/58/395, A/58/395/Corr.1 and A/58/7/Add.5); and Intergovernmental review of the medium-term plan and the programme budget (A/57/786)); and 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on review of duplication, complexity and bureaucracy in United Nations administrative processes and procedures (A/58/211))

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Administrative matters
2. Administration and management of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
3. Second Performance report of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2002-2003

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2003

3–4 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations convened by the President of the Economic and Social Council, Mr. Gert Rosenthal (Guatemala), on the following outstanding issues:

1. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B (E/2003/90 and E/2003/90/Add.1) [8]

2. Economic and environmental questions [13]

(a) Sustainable development (E/2003/29)

Decision 11/1 (Status of non-governmental organizations and other major groups accredited to the World Summit on Sustainable Development)

Decision 11/2 (Bureau of the Commission on Sustainable Development)

(c) Statistics (E/2003/24)

(i) United Nations Forum on Forest (E/2003/42)

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations under agenda item 47 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS" (agenda item 47), organized under the auspices of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and facilitated by H.E. Mr. Denis Dangue Réwaka, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations

Informal consultations under agenda item 40 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

3 p.m.–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 8

Informal consultations under agenda item 40, chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg)

Second Committee

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.22 entitled "Sustainable development in mountain regions" (agenda item 94 (g)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

10 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal "informals" on the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.2 entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds and assets of illicit origin and returning such funds and assets to the countries of origin" (agenda item 92) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . **Closed meeting** . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal "informals" on the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.4 entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . **Closed meeting** . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal "informals" on the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.9 entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and Outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development" (agenda item 95) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . **Closed meeting** . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.17 entitled "International financial system and development" (agenda item 91 (d)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guyana)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . **Closed meeting** . . . . . Room S-2963D

Informal "informals" on the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.12 entitled "Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-second session" (agenda item 94) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany)

12–2 p.m. . . . . **Closed meeting** . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.14 entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind" (agenda item 94 (f)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Argentina)

1–2.30 p.m. . . . . **Closed meeting** . . . . . Room S-2963D

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.5 entitled "Human resources development" (agenda item 93 (b)); and A/C.2/58/L.23 entitled "Public administration and development" (agenda item 12) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

3–5 p.m. . . . . **Closed meeting** . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal "informals" on the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.10 entitled "International strategy for disaster reduction" (agenda item 94 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . **Closed meeting** . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.11 entitled "Convention on Biological Diversity" (agenda item 94 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Peru)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . **Closed meeting** . . . . . Conference Room B

Other meetings

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Friday, 14 November 2003

Group of 77 (*Second Committee: corruption; globalization; debt; international financial system; cybersecurity; and the World Summit on the Information Society)*

9 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Group of 77 (*Second Committee: environment and sustainable development)*

9.30–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Group of 77 (*on the New Partnership for Africa's Development)*

1–2 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Group of 77 (*on the Marrakech Conference on South-South Cooperation)*

2–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (agenda item 117 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the situation of human rights in Democratic Republic of Congo (agenda item 117 (c)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Caribbean Community (CARICOM) *(on Second Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on human rights and terrorism (organized by the Permanent Mission of Algeria)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Open-ended informal consultations on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (agenda item 111) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Colombia)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Respect for the principle of national sovereignty and diversity of democratic systems, in electoral processes as important elements for the promotion and protection of human rights" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Cuba)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The right to development" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Malaysia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement))

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

OIC Group *(on Third Committee matters) (at the experts level)*

2–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the situation of human rights in Turkmenistan (agenda item 117 (c)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Access to medication in the context of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria" (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (agenda item 115 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Seminar on "Improving the Role of the United Nations in Environmental Governance – National and Regional Approaches" (organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University)

There will be a seminar on "Improving the Role of the United Nations in Environmental Governance – National and Regional Approaches", organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University, *today*, 14 November 2003, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in

Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UNU New York Office (Web site www.ony.unu.edu; email unuona@ony.unu.edu; or tel. 1 (212) 963-6387) [Registration on-line at www.ony.unu.edu/unuseminarregistration.htm].

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *today*, 14 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Friday, 14 November 2003

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 17 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 62nd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections . . . . . [16]

   (a) Election of forty-three members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

   (c) Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/58/552)

2. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies: draft resolution (A/58/L.15) . . . . . [20]

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 19th meeting on Monday 17 November 2003, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3, immediately followed by informal consultations (closed) in Conference Room 5. Informal consultations (closed) will also be held at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait

The 247th meeting (closed) of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait will be held on Monday, 17 November 2003, at 10.30 a.m.[1] in Conference Room 7.

[1] The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested Members States of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Extraordinary budget session for 2003

The extraordinary budget session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 1 and 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2003/14. Advance copies of the documents for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_15100.html). Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 21 November 2003.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 (*Second Committee: draft resolution on financing for development)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Second Committee: draft resolution on financing for development)* on Monday, 17 November 2003, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)* from 17 to 21 November 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room D.

JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)* from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 18 and 26 November 2003, in Conference Room 9; 2 December, in Conference Room 9; and 9 December, in Conference Room A.

United Nations Development Programme

The second informal consultation on the *Human Development Report 2004* will be held on Monday, 17 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

There will be an informal consultation on the UNIFEM multi-year funding framework 2004-2007 on Tuesday, 18 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures)

There will a meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures) on Monday, 17 November 2003, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room A. The meeting will review the status of ongoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

UNICEF/WHO briefing

There will be a briefing by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization (WHO) on "Latest Developments in the Global Effort to Eliminate Polio" on Monday, 17 November 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Lebohang Moleko, Permanent Representative of Lesotho. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities

A training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities, organized by the Permanent Mission of Andorra, under the auspices of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnerships" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Toward global partnerships" (agenda item 46), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room C; and on Friday, 21 November, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Symposia on population and development

Symposium IV on "Population and HIV/AIDS", organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Office of the Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development to the United Nations, will continue at Headquarters, will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 457-1828; e-mail rgarvey@ppdsec.org].

UNITAR Workshop Series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology

As part of the series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology, the third and final high-level seminar of this year on "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. This interactive seminar is primarily aimed at ambassadors and other diplomats. However, all interested staff members as well as representatives of non-governmental organizations are welcome to attend. This is the second year of the series, presented under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics, and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation. For further information please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).

United Nations Office for Project Services

There will be an informal consultation on various issues contained in Executive Board decisions 2003/26 and 2003/27, on Monday, 24 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Main Conference Room (4th floor) at UNOPS Headquarters.

Announcements

Security Council **Daily informal briefings**

As from Thursday, 6 November 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society

On the occasion of the World Summit on the Information Society, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is organizing a major parallel conference, the Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society, to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 December 2003. Information regarding the proposed agenda and programme of work is available at www.un.org/esa/socdev/pfii/. Delegations of Member States wishing to register may contact Mr. John G. Scott, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail scott9@un.org).

Summary of meetings

Thursday, 13 November 2003

Security Council

4857th meeting

The situation in Côte d'Ivoire

Second report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire (S/2003/1069)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Côte d'Ivoire, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2003/1083, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2003/1083) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2003/1083) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1514 (2003).

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2003/20).

4858th meeting *The importance of mine action for peacekeeping operations*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Martin Dahinden, Director of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. Guéhenno and Mr. Dahinden.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guinea, the Syrian Arab Republic, France, Chile, Cameroon, the United Kingdom, Bulgaria, Mexico, Germany, Spain, the Russian Federation, China, Pakistan and the United States, and by the President, in his capacity as the representative of the Angola.

Mr. Guéhenno and Mr. Dahinden responded to comments and questions raised.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

22nd meeting *Organization of work*

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Zambia and the Syrian Arab Republic, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee then decided to postpone action on all the draft proposals relating to agenda items 83 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East) and 84 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories) to 3 p.m., the same day.

23rd meeting *Organization of work*

Statements were made by the representative of Italy (on behalf of the European Union).

The Committee then decided to postpone action on all the draft proposals relating to agenda items 83 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East) and 84 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories) to Friday, 14 November, at 10 a.m.

Third Committee

43rd meeting

Human rights questions . . . . . [117]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee resumed its joint consideration of the sub-items.

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Representative, in which the delegations of Italy, Cuba, Norway, Switzerland and Indonesia took part.

The Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur, in which the delegations of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), Afghanistan, Canada, Liechtenstein and the Islamic Republic of Iran took part.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions . . . . . [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.37/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Belgium, Croatia, Finland, France, Ireland, Japan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Chile and Greece.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.38

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Sudan further orally revised the draft resolution.

Burkina Faso, Burundi, Lesotho, Morocco, Nigeria, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal and Somalia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as further orally revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Switzerland.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.39

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Bolivia, Brazil, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Estonia, the Gambia, Grenada, Haiti, Kyrgyzstan, Mali, Mauritania, Nauru, Samoa, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Uganda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.40

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Ethiopia, Kenya, the Niger, Sierra Leone, Somalia and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.41

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Denmark made a statement of clarification and announced that Armenia, Belgium, Cyprus, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Lithuania, Monaco, New Zealand, Serbia and Montenegro and the United Republic of Tanzania had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Colombia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Jordan, Latvia, Namibia, the Niger, Nigeria, Swaziland and Timor-Leste also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.43

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Afghanistan, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Finland, Germany, Greece, Japan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Niger, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkmenistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 112.

Right of peoples to self-determination . . . . . [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.32

The Secretary read out a statement regarding financial provisions related to the draft resolution.

The Secretary read out revisions to the draft resolution.

The representative of Cuba informed the Committee that Benin, Cambodia, the Comoros and Pakistan had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Gambia and Madagascar also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 111 to 23, with 27 abstentions.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Italy (on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the Union – Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries – Cyprus, Malta, and Turkey) made a statement.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of Argentina, Armenia, New Zealand (also on behalf of Canada, Australia, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Norway) and Azerbaijan made statements.

The representative of Rwanda indicated that he had intended to vote in favour.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.35

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Egypt informed the Committee that Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Comoros, Eritrea, Estonia, Germany, Guyana, Iceland, Latvia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, the Netherlands, Saint Lucia, San Marino, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Somalia and Zimbabwe had joined the list of sponsors.

Ecuador, the Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Slovakia, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 159 to 2, with no abstentions.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Italy (on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the Union – Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries – Cyprus, Malta, and Turkey) made a statement.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of Israel, Canada, Australia, Egypt and Yemen made statements.

The observer for Palestine also made a statement.

Human Rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [117 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

The representative of Yemen made a statement.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.42

The Secretary read out a statement regarding financial provisions related to the draft resolution.

The Secretary read out revisions to the draft resolution.

The representative of Denmark informed the Committee that Benin, El Salvador, Jordan, Malawi, Mongolia and Paraguay had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Belarus, Bolivia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, the Niger and Kenya also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.45

The Secretary read out a statement regarding financial provisions related to the draft resolution.

The Secretary read out revisions to the draft resolution.

The representative of Mexico further orally revised the draft resolution.

Bolivia, Cape Verde, Ethiopia, the Gambia, the Niger, Nigeria and the Sudan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised.

44th meeting — *Human rights questions* . . . . . [117]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee resumed its joint consideration of the sub-items.

The representative of the Dominican Republic made a statement and indicated that she had not intended to co-sponsor draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.45.

Right of reply

The representatives of Zimbabwe, the Syrian Arab Republic, Colombia, Pakistan, Belarus, Togo and Uganda made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Committee against Torture
Thirty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Thursday, 13 November 2003

579th meeting — *Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention* [7]

The Committee examined the initial report of Latvia (CAT/C/21/Add.4). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention . . . . . [9]

The Committee examined communications under article 22 of the Convention.

580th meeting *Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention* [7]

The Committee continued its examination of the third periodic report of Morocco (CAT/C/66/Add.1).

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Thirty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Thursday, 13 November 2003

36th–37th meetings *Consideration of reports* . . . . . [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee continued its consideration of the initial report of Yemen.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Montego Bay, 10 December 1982

Accession: Lithuania (12 November 2003)[1]

Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982. New York, 28 July 1994

Accession: Lithuania (12 November 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

Other announcements

United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals for 2004

The Secretary-General will lead the launch in New York of the United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals for 2004. The event, organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, will take place on Tuesday, 18 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 4. The theme of this year's launch is "Hear Our Voices". Mr. Jan Egeland, Emergency Relief Coordinator, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, and Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme, as well as the President of the Security Council, will address the gathering.

Other launch events will be held on Wednesday, 19 November, in six other donor capitals – Geneva, Brussels, Copenhagen, Ottawa, Washington and Dublin – as well as locally in each affected country for which there is an appeal.

These events will focus on the role of the international community in meeting the urgent humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable of the world's population. The countries and regions for which the humanitarian community will appeal for support in 2004 are: Angola, Burundi, Central Africa Republic, Chechnya and neighbouring Republics (Russian Federation), Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Great Lakes Region, Guinea, Liberia, occupied Palestinian territory, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Southern Africa Region, Sudan, Tajikistan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zimbabwe, West Africa and Zimbabwe.

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